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SCENE ON THE BLACK RIVER—PORT HURON.





VIEW OF FRONT STREET—ST. CLAIR.





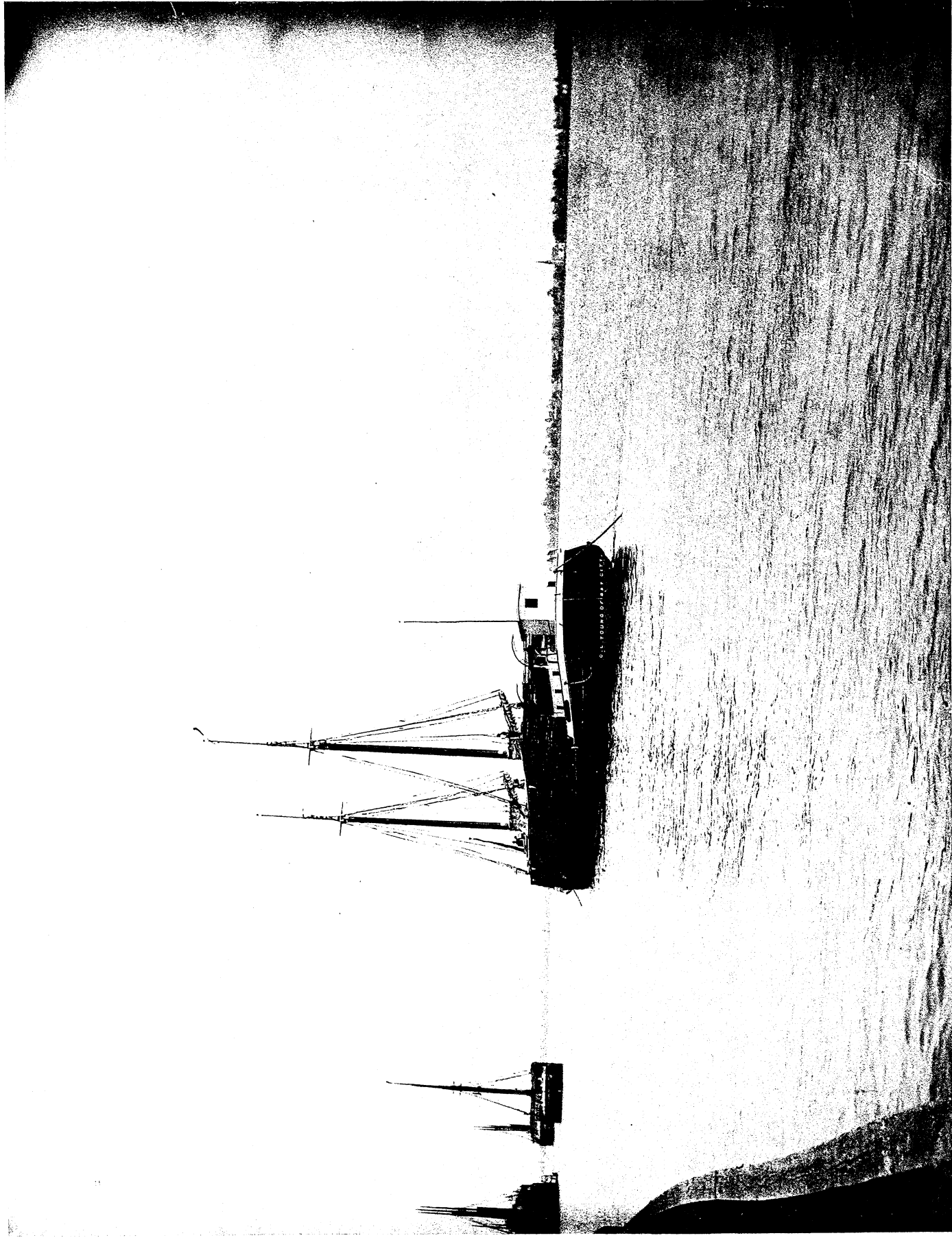
RESIDENCE OF MRS. JAMES BEARD—PORT HURON.



RESIDENCE OF JAMES GOLDEN—PORT HURON.







SCENE AT THE WHARF NEAR STAVE FACTORY—MARINE CITY.





ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—ST. CLAIR.



THE HUBEL TERRACE—ST. CLAIR.





CHICAGO & GRAND TRUNK DEPOT—PORT HURON.



the command of a brigade. He was wounded at "Chicamauga," and died some years after in the city of Port Huron from the effects of the wound. Charles Traverse and Frank Vanderburg were also victims of the war, and their blood was left upon the battlefields of the South. At each recurring Decoration Day loving friends assemble and pour out their offerings of flowers over the graves of their patriot dead. Let us hope for the honor of our city and county that this custom, conceived in love, may continue so long as patriots may live and flowers bloom in springtime. The veterans of the war begin to grow feeble; their footsteps are by no means as elastic as formerly. They do not sleep as well at night now as when on the tented field thirty years ago. When these men enlisted in the cause of their country and undertook the hardships and dangers of the life of a soldier, it was with the understanding that a generous country would see to it that they should be well cared for. Our orators from the stump and our statesmen from the halls of Congress were loud in their declarations that the soldier should not be forgotten. These pledges in the main have been well kept; liberal pensions have been granted by the general government. True these obligations have not always been discharged by unanimous consent; there has always been a minority vote on all pension claims, and there is now a growing feeling that generosity to the preserver of the nation is likely to become a dead letter, owing to the fact that the minority has achieved a temporary success in the national councils. If the old soldier is to be turned down I have an abiding faith that he will rise again, for the sober second thought of the people will in the end give justice. A nation cannot prosper which fails to recognize her defenders.

The location of Port Huron for commercial purposes is not excelled by any other city in the State or nation. Situated at the foot of Lake Huron on the St. Clair river, it is easily accessible from all points of the compass. Black river at this point divides the city in two halves, and forms a magnificent harbor by its junction with the River St. Clair. By act of Congress, Black river has been dredged to a depth of sixteen feet two miles from its mouth. This gives plenty of water to float our larger craft, and in winter steamers, schooners and barges find a convenient shelter to take their regular winter vacation. Two hundred vessels took advantage of this harbor last winter, and the necessary repairs to hull and sails and steam fitting was obtained in the city. It may not be generally known to the uninitiated, but the fact is that the "fit out" (as the sailors term it) of a vessel each spring is quite an important item in the expenses of a vessel. The







